GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:46
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2016
Cross Border Attacks
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set up a four member Committee ub 2016, headed by former Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) Lt. Gen. Philip Campose, inter-alia to recommend long term solutions for the recurring cross-border attacks;

(b) if so, the terms of reference / composition along with the salient features of the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(d) the other steps taken for strengthening infrastructure and perimeter defence including installation of multi-tier fences across the border and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.46 FOR ANSWER ON 18.11.2016.

Government had constituted a four member committee under the chairmanship of Lt. Gen Philip Campose, a former Vice Chief of Army Staff with Major Gen Vijay Singh, Addl. Director General(MT), Rear Admiral Mukul Asthana, DG Varsha [Naval HQ] and Air Vice Marshal D.S. Rawat, Air Defence Commander [Western Air Command] as members, inter alia to examine the existing Standing Operating Procedure for security of all Armed Forces establishments; to suggest a model format for security audit of armed forces establishments; to recommend short and long term measures including introduction of technological solutions and other reforms in the present system of security of armed forces establishments.
The Committee has already submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee include inter alia installation of technology based security infrastructure, positioning of well trained, armed and equipped 'Quick Reaction Teams' (QRTs) at high threat/ high priority military bases, conduct of periodic security audits etc. The recommendations have been discussed with Service headquarters. As directed by the Government, the three Services have carried out security audit of all their military establishments, and steps have been initiated to address any weakness. Further, Indian Army has constructed an Anti Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) along the Line of Control (LC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu & Kashmir, North of Chenab, under its operational control. Battle Filed Surveillances Radars (BFSRs), Long Range Reconnaissance and Observation Systems (LORROS), Infra Red (IR) Sensors and Hand Held Thermal Imagers (HHTI) along with human intelligence and surveillance have been incorporated on this fence to detect and intercept infiltration by terrorists. AIOS is further strengthened by deployment of troops and construction of defence works based on threat perception for an effective multi-tiered counter infiltration grid. Review of the requirement of additional infrastructure incorporating a mix of technology and manpower resources has been carried out.

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